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A pass slips out of Santana Moss' hands before being intercepted in the climactic play of the Redskins' 34-27 loss to the New England Patriots at FedEx Field on Sunday.



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FLAWED PLANS

Newspaper's Readership Sorely Underestimated

Authorities in Brookville, Pa., say a man published an obituary for his living mother in a ploy to get paid bereavement time off from work. Relatives called the Jeffersonian Democrat after the obit appeared to report the woman was alive and well. The woman herself then visited the paper. Brookville police charged Scott Bennett, 45, on Tuesday with disorderly conduct. (AP)

WISHES FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

'Also, Stop Posting On My Facebook Wall'

The holiday cards from Bob McCully were truly a special delivery. About 400 people received the greetings from McCully, who died in August at 88. The former Pittsburgh ad exec is pictured on the front of the card. "Hello, please don't call," it reads. "I recently moved to a quiet neighborhood ..." Inside, it says: "My new place doesn't have a phone and our gates close after dark." Pictures show McCully's tombstone. McCully was known for his darkly funny Christmas greetings. (AP)

PETTY CRIME

Grand Theft Ornament

Two Sweetwater, Fla., women are accused of stealing Christmas decorations from their neighbor's yard and putting them in a yard less than a block away. Police say about \$500 worth of items were taken, including Mickey Mouse on a horse and hugging penguins. (AP)

The Big Picture

TONY DEJAK/AP



SCALES ON A GRAND SCALE: Sand sculpture artist Carl Jara creates two marine iguanas at the Children's Museum of Cleveland on Thursday for the exhibit "Galapagos Sands: Exploring the Centuries." The exhibit opened Dec. 10 and runs through April 15, 2012. (AP)

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THIS WEEK



Manning's Hearing

Pfc. Bradley Manning, the Army intelligence analyst suspected of illegally passing government secrets to WikiLeaks, will have a military hearing Friday to determine whether he'll stand trial.

GOP Debate

All seven major GOP presidential candidates have confirmed they will participate in a debate Thursday in Sioux City, Iowa. Fox News and the Republican Party of Iowa are the sponsors.

Sandusky Accusers

A lawyer for the man accusing former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky of sexual abuse expects his client and at least five other alleged victims to testify at a preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Nation

A Calm-but-Unapologetic Gingrich

Despite ridicule from rivals, GOP hopeful maintains composure

Washington

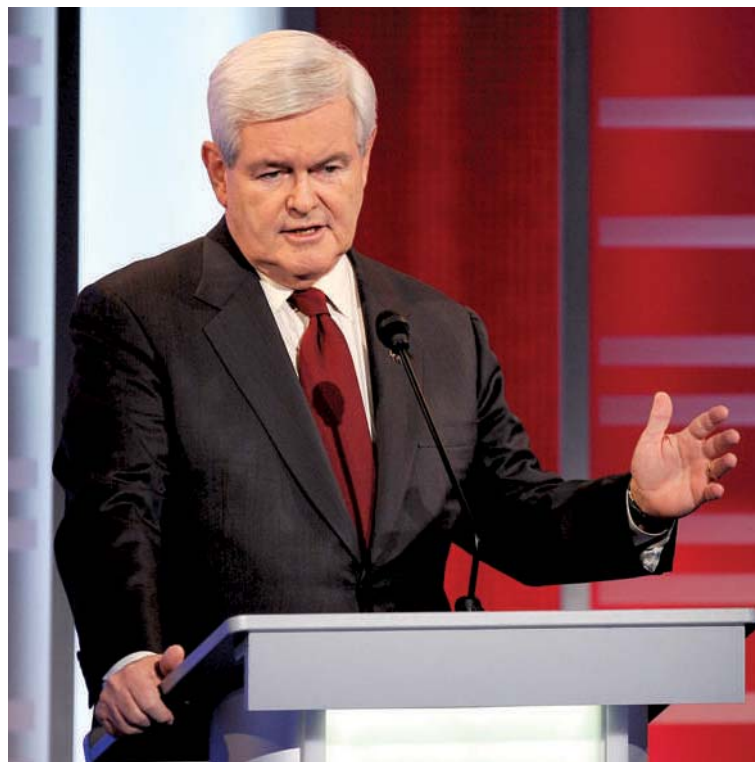
Newt Gingrich is trying to preserve his rapid rise in the GOP presidential race by defending his most controversial stands without appearing to be the thin-skinned hothead his critics often describe.

The former House speaker seemed to accomplish that goal in Saturday's debate in Iowa. His challenge will be to sustain the strategy while rivals attack him on the airwaves and the ground, and to convince conservative voters that he's their champion despite his occasional departures from orthodoxy.

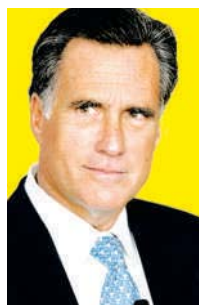
Polls suggest Gingrich is the likeliest alternative to former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney heading into the leadoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3. So far, he has reacted with a steely calm.

On Sunday, Romney and Gingrich's trailing rivals derided the leading presidential contenders as insufficiently conservative, each trying to find a second wind in the race to become the Republican nominee with time running out before voting begins.

Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota combined the two leaders into a "Newt Romney" character.



Newt Gingrich's newest challenge is to sustain the strategy that has pushed him ahead.



Romney Lags Behind Gingrich

Mitt Romney has stayed at or near the top of the GOP polls for months while others rose and fell. He has more money and organization than Newt Gingrich. But an NBC News/Marist poll released Sunday shows Gingrich surging to more than 42 percent support, with Romney at 23 percent in South Carolina; in Florida, the Gingrich is favored by 44 percent of those polled, compared to Romney's 29 percent. No one else in the field breaks 10 percent in either state. (SAP)

Meanwhile ...

Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney planned competing events on Monday in New Hampshire, where Gingrich will end the day debating former Utah governor Jon Huntsman, Lincoln-Douglas style. Both Gingrich and Romney planned to return to Iowa later in the week. Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry and former senator Rick Santorum planned to attend an event with former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee on Wednesday. (AP)

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas said Gingrich and Romney "come from the same mold." Texas Gov. Rick Perry said voters aren't looking for a fact-spewing "robot." All attempted to claw their way back into the campaign that has suddenly become a two-man race.

Iowa's lead-off caucuses are coming quickly. The candidates have spent months — if not years — preparing for the nominating process that starts Jan. 3. Perry spent Sunday in Iowa and planned to return Wednesday for a marathon bus tour across the state. Yet the topsy-turvy race remains fluid, and the struggling candidates are hoping to deflate Romney and Gingrich by noting similarities on issues that could concern conservatives. CHARLES BABINGTON AND PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)

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Report: Tiniest Babies Healthy

Chicago

One is a healthy first-grader, the other an honors college student majoring in psychology. Once the tiniest babies ever born, both girls are thriving, despite long odds when they entered the world weighing less than a pound.

A medical report from the doctor who resuscitated the infants at a suburban Chicago hospital is both a success story and a cautionary tale. These two are the exceptions, and their remarkable health years later should not raise false hope: Most babies this small do poorly, and many do not survive even with advanced medical care.

"These are such extreme cases," said Dr. John Muraskas of Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. They should not be considered "a benchmark" to mean that doctors should try to save all babies so small, he said.



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER/AP

Rumaisa Rahman, the world's tiniest baby, weighed just 9.2 ounces at birth.

The report, released online Monday in Pediatrics, involves Madeline Mann, born in 1989 weighing 9.9 ounces, then the world record; and 7-year-old Rumaisa Rahman, whose 9.2-ounce birth weight in 2004 remains the world's tiniest.

Rumaisa's and Madeline's gestational ages — almost 26 weeks for Rumaisa and almost 27 weeks for Madeline — meant their lungs and other organs were mature enough

to make survival possible.

The report says most newborn specialists consider babies born after 25 weeks of pregnancy to be viable — likely to survive — and so they should receive medical intervention if necessary to breathe. Younger babies are generally in a "gray zone," where intervention isn't always so clear cut.

7,500

The number of U.S. babies born each year who weigh less than 1 pound, according to Dr. Edward Bell, a University of Iowa pediatrics professor. Of those, about 10 percent survive.

Today, Madeline, 22, is a college senior and remains petite — at age 20, she was 4 foot 8 and 65 pounds. Rumaisa, 7, is a first-grader in Chicago. At age 5, she weighed 33 pounds and was 3 1/2 feet tall.

LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

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Weekend Review



1 KINSHASA, CONGO

President Re-Elected, Vote Commission Says



President Joseph Kabila, 40, won another term, Congo's election commission said Friday, defeating the main opposition candidate, whose supporters vowed to take to the streets. Kabila took 49 percent of the votes cast, according to the final tallies. (AP)

2 MOSCOW

Election Protests Surge

Tens of thousands of Muscovites thronged to a city square to protest against alleged electoral fraud and against Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his party on Saturday, and demonstrators gathered in other rallies across the vast country, the largest public show of discontent in post-Soviet Russia. (AP)

3 "Better to be a British bulldog than a Brussels poodle."

— **MARK PRITCHARD**, A BRITISH CONSERVATIVE LAWMAKER, ON SUNDAY DEFENDING PRIME MINISTER DAVID CAMERON'S DECISION FRIDAY TO REJECT A NEW EU TREATY INTENDED TO SAVE THE EURO. THE U.K. WAS THE ONLY EU NATION TO DO SO.

4 BRUSSELS

Croatia Will Join EU in '13

Croatia on Friday signed a treaty to join the European Union in 2013, a bitter-sweet milestone as the bloc prepares to add a sluggish economy that it will have to drag along at the time of its worst crisis ever. Still, the EU hailed Croatia's signing as a historic day for the ex-communist country. (AP)



5 Perilous Evacuation in India

Emergency workers rescue patients during a fire at a hospital Friday in Kolkata, India. The flames sent much of the medical staff fleeing, so many of the 91 victims died in their beds. At least six hospital directors were charged Saturday with culpable homicide.

6 OSLO, NORWAY



From left: Leymah Gbowee, Tawakkol Karman and Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf accept the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize on Saturday.

7 LOS ANGELES

Hollywood Shooter ID'd

Authorities on Saturday identified the gunman who was shot and killed by police after he fired at passing cars on a Hollywood street, wounding one driver. Tyler Brehm, 26, walked down the middle of Sunset Boulevard on Friday, firing on motorists with no clear target until police shot him, officials said. Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the attack. (AP)

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217 **8 The number of Jamaican police officers — or about 60 percent of those tested — who failed a polygraph test taken voluntarily this year, Jamaican authorities said Friday. Officials did not say whether the officers who failed will be disciplined. (AP)**

World

In Brief

BEIRUT

Violent Protests Spill Into Jordan From Syria

Syrian troops battled army defectors Sunday in clashes as violence across the nation killed at least eight people, activists said. For the first time, an act of violent protest against President Bashar Assad's regime spilled across the border into Jordan, where about a dozen Syrians attacked their embassy Sunday in the capital, Amman. (AP)

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

Divided Taliban Deny Holding Peace Talks

A Pakistani Taliban spokesman on Sunday denied an announcement made a day earlier by the group's deputy chief that it was holding peace talks with the government. The conflicting claims indicate a rift within the movement. (AP)

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

U.N. Conference Reaches Pact on Climate Effort

A U.N. conference reached a deal Sunday meant to set a new course for the global effort against climate change. The deal doesn't compel nations to take on emissions targets, but it will start talks on an accord to ensure that countries will be legally bound to carry out pledges. (AP)

Hearsay

"No one returns the symbol of aggression to the party that sought secret and vital intelligence related to the national security of a country."

— GEN. HOSSEIN SALAMI, A TOP COMMANDER IN IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD, ON SUNDAY DECLARING THAT TEHRAN WILL NOT RETURN A U.S. SURVEILLANCE DRONE CAPTURED BY ITS ARMED FORCES LAST WEEK.

Putin Treads Carefully in Russia

PM pledges to listen to protesters amid a rising tide of dissent

Analysis

In his dozen years of leading Russia, Vladimir Putin has been the one doing the talking. Now he may have to learn how to be a listener.

The protests against Putin and his party that arose in more than 60 Russian cities Saturday appear to have shaken the man accustomed to giving orders and sharply dismissing dissenters.

Putin had no immediate comment on the protests — the largest public show of anger in post-Soviet Russia — but his spokesman made efforts to portray the prime minister as open to criticism.

"We respect the point of view of the protesters. We are hearing what is being said. We will continue to listen to them," Dmitry Peskov said in a statement late Saturday.

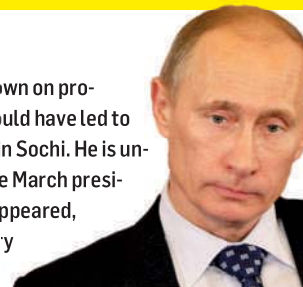
It's unclear how that will be done and whether it will be just a show until the March election, in which Putin will seek to return to the presidency.



A Russian protester waves a picture of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin that reads "No!" during a massive anti-Putin demonstration in Moscow on Saturday.

High Stakes

If Vladimir Putin had chosen to crack down on protests, he risked international outcry that could have led to the relocation of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. He is under pressure to repair his image ahead of the March presidential vote, but flashes of his usual style appeared, like his criticism of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for allegedly instigating protests.



President Dmitry Medvedev promised Sunday on Facebook that allegations of fraud in the Dec. 4 parliamentary elections, the detonator of the protests, would be investigated. But most comments within an hour of the post were dismissive, indicating the opposition would not be satisfied by vague promises from a lame-duck widely seen as subordinate to Putin.

Surveys from the polling agency Levada Center showed 42 percent of Russians in late September would have voted for Putin in March, but it fell to 31 percent two months later. And that was before his image was further tarnished by the parliamentary vote.

Signs of change have come. State-controlled TV channels gave airtime to Saturday's protests, a change from their previously ignoring or deriding the opposition.

Most protests had official sanction, and officials showed unprecedented largesse by authorizing a crowd of 30,000 — and not sending riot police into action when the crowd exceeded that number.

That indicated that Putin is deeply concerned about his weakened position. JIM HEINTZ (AP)

France Returns Noriega to Panama for Prison Term

Panama City

Former military strongman Manuel Noriega was flown home to Panama from France on Sunday to be punished once again for crimes he committed during a career that saw him transformed from a close Cold War ally of Washington's into the vilified target of a U.S. invasion.

Noriega's return comes after more than 20 years in U.S. and French prisons for drug trafficking and money laundering. Panama convicted him during his captivity overseas for the slayings of two political opponents in the 1980s and in a third case involving the deaths of troops who aided an opponent in a rebellion.

Backstory



Panama strongman Manuel Noriega worked with the U.S. during the 1970s and 1980s to combat

leftist movements in Latin America. But he was also working with a drug cartel. He was ousted after the 1989 U.S. invasion and was convicted in the U.S. on drug-related charges. He was later extradited to France. (AP)

He was sentenced to 20 years for each of the three cases. The ex-general, 77, could eventually leave prison under a law allowing prisoners over 70 to serve out their time under house arrest.

"He was very impatient, very happy. He's going home," one of his lawyers said Saturday. (AP)

CRIME

Smooth Operation

Police in Brazil are investigating the recent theft of 55 tons of corn from a moving train crossing through a rural portion of southeastern Sao Paulo state. The thieves greased the train tracks, making the wheels of the locomotive skid and slow down, before using a tow truck with a hook to remove the corn-filled containers, the police report said. (AP)



3 The number of steel Christmas trees that South Korea will allow to be lit on its North Korean border despite opposition from Pyongyang, officials said Sunday, an increase of two from last year, which was the first time in seven years that Seoul allowed such a display. (AP)



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Riders Await Action on Benefits

Decision by Congress could force transit users to pay more

Washington

Transit users could be faced with paying more to commute on rail, on buses and in van pools next year if Congress doesn't extend pretax benefits by the end of this month.

Commuters can set aside as much as \$230 a month in pretax income for transit use, but that amount is set to fall to \$125 a month when a temporary increase expires. Under Internal Revenue Service rules, pretax parking benefits would

rise from \$230 a month to \$240 a month because of inflation.

Metro and public transportation advocacy groups have said the pretax transit benefits keep more riders on buses and trains, and out of cars.

"Unless Congress acts, there will be a financial bias in the federal tax code against public transit use," Michael P. Melaniphy, president and chief executive of the American Public Transportation Association, said in a statement. "We are seeking to maintain parity with the parking benefit to ensure that there isn't a disincentive to take public transportation."

Because Congress has not



The commuter pretax transit benefits could fall from \$230 to \$125 per month.

extended the benefits, human resource managers can only allow employees to set aside as much as \$125 pretax for January because the disbursements are done a month ahead, according to Paul Dean, a vice president at Transit Center, which oversees transit benefits for 15,000 public agencies and private companies. Dean said about 25 percent of the companies in major metropolitan areas offer the pretax benefit options.

In some cases, employers offer the entire transit benefit as a perk. It's unclear how the change will affect those workers.

Transit advocates are pushing for the benefits to be includ-

No Small Number

About 256,000 area employees are registered for Metro's SmartBenefits program, which allows transit benefits to be assigned directly to SmartTrip cards. About 86,000 work in the private sector and 170,000 for the federal government. (TWP)

ed in the final package and say a decline would be ironic, given that for the first time since 2008, ridership for public transportation has risen three quarters in a row nationwide, according to the transportation association.

Metro officials have projected that its rail ridership could fall 2.8 percent next year if employee transit benefits expire. DANA

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Local

Gun Deaths Renew Policy Debate

Va. General Assembly to take aim at state's one-gun-a-month law

Blacksburg, Va.

Last week's point-blank slaying of a Virginia Tech campus policeman is sure to renew the gun control battle in all its fury before the General Assembly next month.

The debate had quieted somewhat in the nearly five years since a student on a murderous rampage shot and killed 32 people at Virginia Tech and himself.

But with Republicans expecting House and Senate majorities and a pro-gun Republican governor, conservatives are taking aim at Virginia's 20-year-old one-hand-gun-a-month law. Only three other states still have such a law.

"Our agenda is fairly active this year," Philip Van Cleave told The Associated Press on Satur-



Students watch police investigate the death of Officer Deriek Crouse on Dec. 8.

day as students placed flowers at an impromptu memorial to slain officer Deriek Crouse in a parking lot beside Tech's famed football stadium.

Van Cleave's organization, the Virginia Citizens Defense League,

and its gun-toting disciples who converge on Capitol Square each winter will lobby to prevent state agencies — including colleges — from banning guns on campus.

House Speaker Bill Howell, R-Stafford, has doubts last week's

Helping Hands



Through a campaign known as "Hokies for Crouse," Virginia Tech students are raising money for the

family of the officer shot to death Thursday as he sat in his unmarked cruiser during a traffic stop on the Blacksburg campus. Deriek Crouse, who joined the campus police force in October 2007, was a married father of five. Students are collecting presents for the family, including his children and stepchildren, who range in age from 10 to 18. (AP)

Police: Officer Shoots Suspect After Pursuit

Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park police say a man who stabbed a driver during a carjacking attempt was later fatally shot as he struggled with an officer.

Police say the 19-year-old man tried to steal a Porsche at a gas station on Saturday and stabbed the resisting owner.

As the man fled on foot, police tried to subdue him, and as they struggled, Cpl. Keith Largent arrived and shot the suspect. (AP)

The Lotteries

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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

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The number of wreaths laid by volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery on headstones Saturday. It was the most wreaths ever placed there in the 20-year-old tradition. The most wreaths given in the past was 25,000, said Amber Caron, spokeswoman for the nonprofit group Wreaths Across America. (AP)

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Without two top players and their starting right tackle, the Redskins put on their most prolific offensive performance of the season Sunday but fell short in their bid to upset the New England Patriots, losing 34-27 at FedEx Field.

Wide receiver Santana Moss could not control a Rex Grossman pass near the New England goal line and tipped it to Patriots' linebacker Tracy White to seal Washington's fate with 22 seconds left.

Rex Grossman & co. engaged Tom Brady and the Patriots in a shootout that lasted the better part of three quarters, taking advantage of New England's 32nd-ranked defense. The Redskins generated a season high in both points and yards (463) despite missing both their leading pass-catcher, tight end Fred Davis, and franchise left tackle Trent Williams, who were suspended last week for the remainder of the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy. Right tackle Jammal Brown then went down during warm-ups with a groin injury.

Rex Grossman was 19 of 32 for 252 yards, and Roy Helu (126 yards) became the first Washington rookie to run for 100 yards in three-straight games. But it wasn't enough for the Redskins (4-9), who have lost eight of nine.



Rob Gronkowski breaks free of two Redskins defenders for a long gain in the first quarter, setting the stage for his big game.

Report Card



BEST CALL: To start the second quarter, the Redskins broke out a pitch-reverse-option pass from Brandon Banks to Santana Moss for the best play of the season.

WORST CALL: Backed up on their 5 in the first quarter, the Redskins ran the ball only once, then Andre Carter beat a rookie left guard to blow up Rex Grossman for a sack, fumble and touchdown. Too easy.

BEST ADJUSTMENT: Making sure Donte Stallworth got the ball was a good plan against his former team.

B The team finally played professional football but came up short. No shame in that.



Redskins cornerback Josh Wilson intercepts a pass in the end zone on Sunday.

Record Performers

The New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski set the record for the most touchdown catches in a season by a tight end, raising his total to 15 with two Sunday against the Redskins. The previous mark of 13 TD catches by a tight end originally was set by Antonio Gates in 2004, then matched by Vernon Davis, a D.C. native, in 2009. Also Sunday, Patriots QB Tom Brady (294) moved ahead of Warren Moon into sole possession of sixth place for the most touchdown passes in NFL history and reached the 4,000-yard mark for the fourth time in his career. (AP)

The officiating had the Redskins steamed. In addition to a crucial pass interference call on Moss, linebacker London Fletcher was whistled in the second quarter for a personal foul call that appeared particularly egregious. The referee announced that Fletcher hit a late-sliding Brady with a forearm to the head, but Fletcher's arm clearly hit the quarterback in the chest.

Coach Mike Shanahan said he thought the call against Fletcher was "horrible."

"We don't get no calls around here, man," Moss said. "You guys have been covering us for a long time. Y'all see what goes on out there. We blow our breath on one of the doggone guys over there and it's a penalty. Our quarterback gets killed — and you just almost hit somebody that's a quarterback and we get flagged. So a lot of stuff goes on. But I guess we've got to play against a team and the ref."

(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)



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Sunday's Stars

Rob Gronkowski was a force, scoring his 14th and 15th TDs of the season.



Roy Helu became the first rookie Redskins RB to run for three-straight 100-yard games.



Sports

Ravens Rough Up Winless Colts


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Pro Football

The Baltimore Ravens took another step toward securing a postseason berth, and the hapless Indianapolis Colts slipped a notch closer to matching one of the NFL's most dubious records.

Terrell Suggs had three sacks and forced three fumbles as part of an overwhelming defensive performance by the Ravens, who kept Indianapolis winless with a 24-10 victory Sunday.

Baltimore (10-3) limited the Colts (0-13) to 167 yards — just 53 through three quarters. Were it not for a touchdown on the game's



Ravens DE Cory Redding, left, sacks Colts QB Dan Orlovsky in the first half Sunday.

final play, Indianapolis would have been held without a TD for only the second time since the 2003 season opener.

Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes, and Ray Rice ran for 103 yards and a score to help the Ravens win their fourth-straight and

improve to 7-0 at home. Baltimore is tied with Pittsburgh for the lead in the AFC North, but the Ravens hold the tiebreaker because of their two wins over the Steelers.

Dan Orlovsky, the third Colts quarterback to start in place of the injured Peyton Manning this season, went 17 for 37 for 136 yards and an interception. He was sacked four times and hounded throughout the game by Suggs.

The game was far more lopsided than the final score would indicate. Baltimore led 17-3 at halftime and 24-3 in the third quarter, and the Colts drove 76 yards in the final two minutes in a drive that ended with Orlovsky throwing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Tamme as time expired. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Texans Rally For Win, First Playoff Berth

Pro Football

A rookie quarterback led the biggest drive in Houston Texans history, one that took them to the end zone and their first playoff berth.

T.J. Yates threw a 6-yard touchdown pass with two seconds left on Sunday for a 20-19 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that put the Texans in the playoffs for the first time.

With their seventh-straight win, the Texans (10-3) moved to the threshold of the playoffs. They hugged on the field and then headed to the locker room, waiting for the final seconds of Tennessee's 22-17 loss to New Orleans. (AP)

Sunday Recap

WEEK 14

Top Dogs



Matt Ryan, QB, Falcons

Ryan outdueled rookie phenom and division foe Cam Newton in a 31-23 win over the Panthers on Sunday. Ryan threw for 320 yards on 22-38 attempts, including four touchdowns in the victory on the road.



Shonn Greene, RB, Jets

The third-year back ran all over the Chiefs on Sunday, powering the Jets with 129 yards on the ground and a touchdown on 24 carries in an easy 37-10 win at home.

A Nose for the End Zone



Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew, bottom, dives for a touchdown under Buccaneers defensive back E.J. Biggers on Sunday. Jones-Drew scored four times, setting the franchise record for career TDs (73) in the Jags' 41-14

Scoreboard

Ravens 24, Colts 10

Falcons 31, Panthers 24

Texans 20, Bengals 19

Lions 34, Vikings 28

Jaguars 41, Buccaneers 14

Eagles 26, Dolphins 10

Jets 37, Chiefs 10

Saints 22, Vikings 17

Steelers 14, Browns 3

Bears, Broncos (late)

49ers, Cardinals (late)

Packers, Raiders (late)

Late game results: washingtonpost.com

Hearsay

“There has to be a credible testing program for HGH. It is in the best interest of the players.”

— ROGER GOODELL, NFL commissioner, speaking Sunday about his desire for a testing program in the NFL.



Injuries

Kevin Kolb, QB, Cardinals He left Sunday's game against the 49ers after taking a hit to the head in the first series.

◀ **Matt Hasselbeck, QB, Titans** He hurt his left calf after throwing an interception in the second quarter on Sunday.

Matt Moore, QB, Dolphins Miami's QB left the game with a head injury not long after LT Jake Long injured his back.

Aaron Berry, CB, Lions A right-shoulder injury sidelined the defensive back in a game against the Minnesota Vikings.

150

THE NUMBER OF STARTS Saints QB Drew Brees has made in his career. In that time, he has 39,413 career passing yards, second to Dan Marino's 39,498 in the same number of starts.

From Heisman to NFL for Griffin?

College Football

Robert Griffin III's four years at Baylor have included a serious knee injury, 46 school records, the best season the Bears have had in decades and now a Heisman Trophy.

He has one more season of eligibility left and could return to school. Or not.

RG3 to the NFL?

"Whether I won the award or not, it wasn't going to sway me on coming back or not," Griffin said Saturday.

Griffin won the 77th Heisman Trophy, beating out Andrew Luck, who has already been penciled in as



A Rising Star

Much like his Heisman stock, Robert Griffin III's pro prospects started the season modestly and have soared. His completion rate jumped to a career-high 72 percent, but those stats often don't mean much in the NFL, where an open receiver looks very different from the way he does in college. Still, it's a good sign. (AP)

the No. 1 pick in April's NFL draft.

Luck is considered one of the most NFL-ready prospects to ever come of out college, having played brilliantly in Stanford's pro-style offense the last three seasons.

Griffin is more of a Cam Newton-type prospect. Not as big as last year's winner — he's 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds — but faster.

Griffin directs a spread offense at Baylor, though the Bears don't run Griffin the way Auburn often pounded teams with the 250-pound Newton. Baylor sprinkles in designed runs for Griffin, who has a sprinter's speed and was an NCAA all-American hurdler. (AP)

Weekend Rewind



• Navy beat Army, 27-21, for its 10th-straight win in the annual football game.

• ESPN reported that NL MVP Ryan Braun failed a drug test and faces a suspension.

• Joe Paterno broke his pelvis in a fall at home on Saturday, a source told the AP.

• Cincinnati's basketball team suspended four for their roles in a brawl with Xavier.

TV Lineup

PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M., ESPN)

The Seattle Seahawks host the St. Louis Rams in one of the worst prime-time games in recent memory.

PRO HOCKEY (7 P.M., VERSUS)

The Lightning plays the Devils in Tampa, Fla. **SOCCER (2:50 P.M., ESPN2)** Chelsea hosts Manchester City.

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Money



The Hidden Costs Of Balance Transfers

The pros and cons of switching can vary significantly

Personal Finance

Holiday shoppers may already be scouting balance transfer offers for the new year.

The lure of transferring a credit card balance is that you're charged 0 percent interest for an introductory period, which can range from six months to almost two years. The idea is that you pay down debt in

that time without worrying about interest charges. But the suspension of interest charges comes with a cost.

The benefits and drawbacks of a balance transfer can vary significantly depending on your financial situation. That's why it's a move that requires careful consideration. Here's what you should know.

The Offer

As you browse the balance transfer offers on the market, it's likely that you're mainly scanning to see which promotion offers the longest

3%

The average fee banks charge on the amount you're transferring, though some charge 4 percent or 5 percent. On a \$10,000 transfer, that could mean \$300 to \$500. (AP)

introductory period. But there are other variables you'll need to factor into the equation, starting with the transfer fee.

Banks typically charge a fee of 3 percent of the amount that you're transferring. Make sure that the

amount you expect to save in interest will ultimately offset that fee.

In other cases, your current credit card issuer may try to get you to transfer balances from your other cards. The bank may present you with an option, such as a 0 percent rate for nine months or a 2 percent rate for a year.

The Approval

Even if you decide that you'd benefit from a balance transfer, you won't necessarily be approved for one.

Banks use balance transfer offers to lure away customers with good to excellent credit. If you're paying an interest rate far above the 16 percent average on cash-back cards, according to Bankrate.com, it could be that you don't fall into that category. Or you may be approved for a transfer with a shorter introductory period.

It's also not unusual for a bank to approve only a portion of a requested balance transfer. This can happen for several reasons.

Banks are not as generous with their credit lines now as they were before the financial meltdown in 2008, and the amount they're willing to extend will vary. And if you've recently missed credit card payments or maxed out your cards,

your credit profile may not be as strong as it was in the past.

After you submit your balance transfer application, note that it can take a few weeks for a transfer to be processed. Don't ignore your old account, because there might be a payment you need to make.

The Terms

After the honeymoon period is over, the rate you're charged on your new credit card could end up being on par with the one you're paying on your current card.

Keep in mind that the regular interest rate on the new card will still be based on your credit profile.

Credit card regulations that went into effect last year prohibit banks from hiking rates unless cardholders are at least 60 days late on a payment. It would take three late payments to reach that threshold; the first missed payment makes you one day late, and the second missed payment means you're about 30 days late. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

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Something's Missing
Lindsay's Playboy pics are leaked, and her purse is stolen! **27**

Sound Bets



RHYTHM & HUES

Unsilent Nights

It's the most wonderful time of the year — but not for awful holiday jams. If I hear a Christmas carol that's been jazzed up, I go into "Hulk smash" mode. If I'm bombarded by a modern-pop take on an ancient holiday song, the spirit of the season leaves me and I call upon Beelzebub.



By Christopher Porter

But it is the perfect season for self-reflection, and ambient music can complement the contemplative mood that permeates these short days and dark nights. Putting on a meditative soundtrack can help you ponder the mysteries of the universe — spiritual if you're religious, or the physical if you believe in science. (I'm going to wish people "Happy Hadron!" this year.)

My favored source for such music is Fluid-Radio.co.uk, a site that specializes in dark drones and twinkly textures, and provides numerous free mixes to get you into a winter solstice mindset. I'm lately digging several Norwegian artists performing religious music because, unlike Celine Dion, they've found a way to bring the ancient into the future.

Listen Now:

► "Stille Natt," a Norwegian Christmas playlist on Spotify: <http://is.gd/GD5gyd>

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EMILY STEWART

Can an underground phenom feel exclusive again? Axe made it happen with Girl Talk.

Concerts

There really should be a 17-syllable German word for it: the feeling you get when the underground thing you discovered goes mainstream. Suddenly, you can't get tickets to see the band you've been saying should be famous forever. But there's no way to make something obscure again once it's gone viral. Or is there?

Enter the Secret Concert. Axe (of body spray fame) has been spon-

soring a series of free secret performances by mash-up god Girl Talk (real name: Gregg Gillis). The Axe truck rolls into a town and gives out free tickets to those who found out about it via Axe's Twitter feed or Facebook page. Voila: The underground is underground again. We caught up with Girl Talk before his final show of the tour (and the year) at the Rock and Roll Hotel this past Saturday to find out whether the secrecy makes it hotter.

How has the fact that these shows are barely advertised affected the kind of audience you get?

It filters it down to more hardcore, enthusiastic fans. A handful of the shows on this tour stand out as

Process

Self-Discovery

Girl Talk isn't touring in support of an album this time around, which gives him room to experiment: "Sometimes when I'm working on new material, it'll work really well with a piece that may have been on 'Night Ripper' in 2006, and I'm just discovering it now. It's exciting to do remixes of the remix." F.Z.

the best shows of the entire year. The bar has been raised in terms of positive energy. People feel fortunate for being there.

When you started out, people would just rush the stage to dance. Now, people are picked out of the crowd beforehand to dance onstage and let on in an orderly (sort of) way. How does that affect the energy?

It got to the point that it was like a war every night. A lot of shows were ending prematurely; people were being hurt, and it lost its original meaning. We used to say "no barricades, no matter what." Then we had a barricade and we could get more orchestrated and tighten the show up. We lost some chaos, but the stage isn't a VIP section. It's just random kids. I feel like that's more similar to what it was like initially.

"Any festival has corporate sponsorship. To pretend that doesn't exist is naive."

How do you feel about increased corporate sponsorship of tours like this? There's this idea that musicians shouldn't sell out to the man, but at the same time, you need money to run a tour.

Any festival has corporate sponsorships. To pretend that doesn't exist is naive. But as someone who grew up loving Public Enemy and Nirvana, there was always a thing in the back of my head, like "Is this wrong?" But I don't see anything wrong with it whatsoever. Ultimately, a bunch of kids are getting a free show. I think that's cool as hell. FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

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1 Snowstopper
"White Christmas" requires a patina of nostalgia. If you grew up watching this film about Bing Crosby and some other people falling in love and putting on an extravagant Christmas show at a New England ski lodge, the chance to see it on the big screen tonight will get your heart racing. If you're a "W.C." virgin: The ridiculous "Choreography" number did not age well. Stick it out because the rest of the movie is cute. **National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre.org. (Metro Center)**

2 Brazilian Wacky
D.C. is all about the intersection of musical cultures today: Matuto is a five-man band that blends Brazilian guitar work with the Southern country roots of frontman Clay Ross. The rest of the band emphasizes percussion and accordion to meld bluegrass and Brazilian Portuguese traditions. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**

3 Shaken, Not Stirred
Pink Martini is like the orchestra in the chicest, weirdest jazz club you can imagine, with influences from all sorts of world music and a bandleader, Thomas M. Lauderdale, shown, with hair like a Chia Pet's. Singer China Forbes is out recovering from throat surgery, so this show will guest-star Japanese diva Saori Yuki. **Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$55-\$125; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)**

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When Two Are Better Than One

Students boost their skill sets with dual degrees

Graduate School

When Winfield Wilson decided he wanted to explore the fields of environmental law and policy, he looked into programs at graduate schools across the country. Rather than limit himself to just one of his interests, he wound up enrolling in a dual-degree program at American University, from which he'll graduate in 2012 with a law degree and a master of public policy (MPP).

"It's a great way to expand your skill set, your experience and your networks," says the 29-year-old, who worked as a geologist throughout Southern California before enrolling at American. "Law school has taught me a lot about one side of the government and of how we operate our society. Then the policy school fills in a lot of the gaps and speaks to a lot of the political and economic realities of how our society is organized and run. It's an essential combination for anyone who wants to work in the public sector."

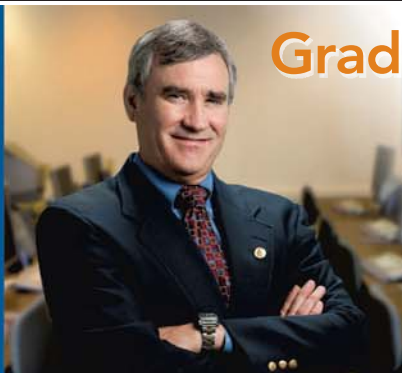
Wilson hopes to get a job in the federal government next year. Having two degrees

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Linda Chang

Senior vice president and chief financial officer of PharmAthene, a biotechnology company based in Annapolis.

RAISED IN TAIWAN, Linda Chang came to the United States as a teenager knowing little English. Determined to excel, she decided to go to college and got her master's in both accounting and health administration. After dabbling in management consulting, she eventually entered Human Genome Sciences, where her team helped raise \$1.8 billion.

What earlier work in your career put you on the map?

My colleagues at Human Genome

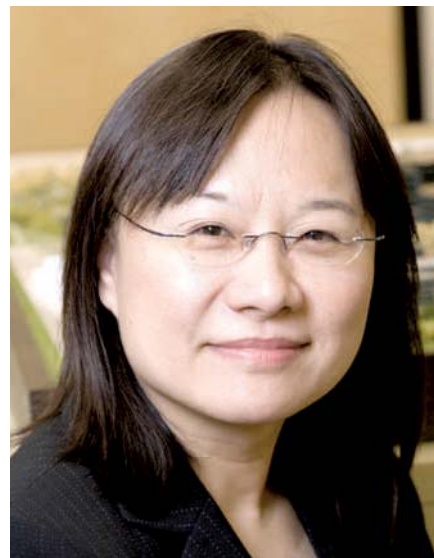
Sciences noticed the value in my contributions, whether in managing the investment portfolio, raising money or doing a lot of the transactions.

What is the secret to managing a portfolio?

Taking no risks doesn't work. But you have to support [risk-taking] with strong analysis while having a healthy dose of skepticism. Always question everything. When analysts put out information on a particular company, you should always check to see if their analysis is reasonable. Don't take what people say or publish at face value.

How about raising capital? How did you see your role?

The ability to raise capital is about the story you have to tell. You want to get the investors excited about the market potential. You want to tell them about the



MARSHALL CLARKE

"The ability to raise capital is about the story you have to tell. ... Get the investors excited about the market potential."

the issues are and identify proper solutions. For example, oftentimes when you're in negotiation mode, people talk about all kinds of issues. I have a good ability in triangulizing a response.

Can you elaborate?

In negotiations, you have a better edge if you can anticipate where the other person is coming from. The way to be successful is to be able to defend it from all angles. If you look at it from different perspectives, you'll make a better decision. **VANESSA SMALL (CAPITAL BUSINESS)**

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Georgetown University law and public policy student Brittany Heyd, right, discusses work with classmate Leslie Hartford.

It Takes Two

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on his resume should give him a leg up during his job search and provide him with greater flexibility in his career down the road.

“Students who are interested in dual-degree programs are typically students who want to keep their options open to go in more than one direction, or to be able to move in their career from one type of responsibility or job situation to another,” says Robert Sowell, vice president for programs and operations at the Washington, D.C.-based Council of Graduate Schools. “Students who combine MBA programs with master’s programs in science or engineering, for example, might start off doing technical work but then move into management.”

That kind of career adaptability proved appealing to Brittany Heyd, who’s enrolled in a joint MPP/JD program at Georgetown University.

“The main reason I chose to

“They’re connecting with two different sets of faculty and students, and networking with two whole different populations.”

— KERRY PACE, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GEORGETOWN’S MPP PROGRAM, ON DUAL-DEGREE STUDENTS’ ADVANTAGES.

go that route was the plethora of opportunities that comes with both degrees,” says the 26-year-old from Southern California, who’s in her third year of the four-year program. “I wasn’t quite sure what direction I wanted to go in in the beginning; I was interested in public policy but also felt like maybe I could be interested in a broader profession. Next summer, I’m going to work at a law firm, and I will probably work there after I graduate. But if I wanted to go into government at a later point, that’s where the public policy pro-

gram will help.”

Holding two graduate degrees can give candidates an edge in this tough job market.

“A lot of students are looking to do dual degrees just to have one extra thing on their resumes — anything that can set them apart from other applicants,” says Kerry Pace, assistant dean for Georgetown’s MPP program.

Expertise in two areas often pays off. “There are things a dual-degree holder can do and career opportunities they would have that they wouldn’t have if they had just one degree or the other,” says Jonathan Tubman, vice provost for graduate studies and research at American University. “In this labor market, if you’ve got a law degree and understand international relations, for example, you can distinguish yourself in terms of what you can do and be much more attractive to an employer.”

But there are times when an employer might not see the need for the second degree.

“When I go for a legal interview,

they might want to know why having a policy analysis set of skills is useful in a legal setting,” Wilson says. “And policy analysts aren’t lawyers, so they might ask what does it matter that I have a legal background? It can sometimes be a little bit of a challenge to present the other side ... to convince people that it would be useful.”

That’s why it’s important for dual-degree seekers to have clear-cut reasons for choosing this path. “Before anyone makes the enormous commitment of time and money, they’ve got to do a lot of reflection and should at least have

a sense of what it is they see themselves doing,” says Mary Somers, MBA admissions officer at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. “Who’s doing the work they would like to be doing, and how did they get there?”

There are, of course, pros and cons to opting for a dual-degree program. On the downside, it involves more work and is more expensive than pursuing a single graduate degree.

The upside is that the two-for-one approach saves time and money. “If you do a dual degree,

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typically what happens is that you're allowed to double-count a selection of courses, which will vary by program," Tubman says. "So that's a significant discount you're getting if you're doing two degrees together versus one at a time."

Having a foot in two depart-

"It's a great way to expand your skill set, your experience and your networks."

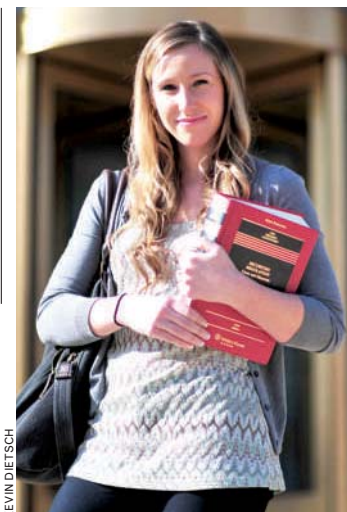
— WINFIELD WILSON, AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT PURSUING A DEGREE IN LAW AND A MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY.

ments gives students exposure to a variety of ideas and individuals.

"They're connecting with two different sets of faculty and students, and networking with two whole different populations," Pace says. "And it's opening up two populations of alumni that they can contact for jobs and networking."

An MBA or JD often makes up one half of many dual-degree programs. But local universities also provide students with the chance to obtain degrees in other combinations.

Next fall, American University will introduce a program in partnership with Teach for America where students can obtain a mas-



Brittany Heyd is in her third year of a joint MPP/JD program at Georgetown.

ter of arts in teaching in combination with either an MBA or a master of public administration.

Next summer, the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and Maryland Institute College of Art will begin offering a program that combines an MBA with a master of art in design leadership.

"The main thing we're trying to do here is encourage leadership through collaboration," says David Gracyalny, dean of the School for Professional and Continuing Studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art. "The program is not just for business students or design students. We're also hoping to see engineering students in the program and individuals with a strong interest in how goods are conceived, manufactured, distributed and marketed. We want all of those people to come together."

When that kind of crossover happens, dual-degree students leave their programs with something far more valuable than two sets of initials to add to their resumes.

"Based on the interviews I've had with attorneys running program offices in the government, they recognize the need for people who can speak both languages of policy analysis as well as legal analysis," Wilson says. "In the long run, I think it will be an incredibly valuable combination."

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The Brain Drain

U.S. policies send many highly skilled immigrants packing

Trends

Chia-Pin Chang tacked one title onto his name last January when he earned a doctoral degree in computer engineering from George Washington University. Seven months later he added yet another: chief technology officer.

Along with a faculty mentor, the Taiwan native co-founded Opto-BioSense after four years of developing a medical device that can quickly and cheaply measure the concentration of uric acid in a person's body.

The fledgling firm faces many of the challenges that early-stage companies endure. It has patents under review, trials to run, federal regulators to appease and a nagging need for capital.

But the company's biggest hurdle isn't business-related. Chang's soon-to-expire student visa will force him to leave the country — and likely close the business — come February unless he can secure an employer-sponsored green card.

"The difficulty I am finding when I try to find any job here is it requires either U.S. citizenship or a permanent residence, which I'm not qualified [for] right now," Chang said.

It's a dilemma that Chang shares with thousands of other immigrants who graduate from American universities each year with advanced degrees yet can't obtain the legal documents necessary to work here.

A growing number of policymakers have recently proposed changing the system, arguing that highly skilled immigrants capable of starting companies in the United States offer the potential to create more jobs for Americans than they might take away.

But while the policy has consen-

sus, it's not an easy sell at a time when the economy is down and many Americans are struggling to find work. Furthermore, some politicians and immigrant organizations want only comprehensive reform for immigration, rather than policies that cherry-pick one class of immigrants over another.

Economic drivers

Like other entrepreneurs who have been forced out of the United States, Chang could take his company with him and license the intellectual property he developed from the university.

That arrangement would not only result in what some have

"Because of the system we have now ... a lot of these people get frustrated, and they end up going home."

— **BETSY MULLINS**, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT TECHNET, A TECH ORGANIZATION, ON WHY MANY IMMIGRANTS LEAVE THE U.S. AFTER EARNING ADVANCED DEGREES.

bemoaned as a reverse brain drain, but it could deprive the United States of future tax revenue and jobs should his product reach its target market of 45 million patients annually.

Brookings Institution scholar Darrell West said immigrant communities have developed a reputation for entrepreneurship, particularly in the science and technology fields.

Indeed, some of the country's

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highest-profile and most profitable technology companies — including Google, Intel and Yahoo — count at least one foreign-born founder.

“These started as small companies that became very successful, so we’re shooting ourselves in the

foot in terms of economic development,” West said.

H1-B visas, a common employment green card for highly skilled individuals, are awarded directly to companies that vie for a limited number each year. Competition has cooled in the down economy, but West said in years past they’ve been snapped up in a matter of weeks.

Another less pervasive type of visa that requires an immigrant to prove an extraordinary ability, talent or skill are often granted to athletes, notable scholars or artists.

“Because of the system we have now ... a lot of these people get frustrated and they end up going home,” said Betsy Mullins, senior vice president of policy and political affairs

at TechNet, an organization that represents tech companies. “Then you have taxpayer dollars going into schools for people who we then push out of the country to go work for our competitors.”

And increasingly, those competing countries and foreign businesses are better able to accommodate them. The once-sluggish economies

of India, China and other developing nations now offer a viable, if not attractive, backdrop against which to launch a business.

“If we have immigration laws that are outdated or don’t recognize that which is the case right now, you’re immediately taking half of the talent pool off the table,” Mullins said.



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Chia-Pin Chang poses with the medical device he developed to measure the concentration of uric acid in a person's body.

Political debate

Recently, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act. If it becomes law, the bill would not increase the number of available visas but instead redistribute a greater portion of them to countries with large populations and excess demand.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, then put a hold on the bill, saying: "I have concerns about the impact of this bill on future immigration flows and am concerned that it does nothing to better protect Americans at home who seek high-skilled jobs during this time of record-high unemployment."

Both Democrats and Republicans have ramped up support for highly skilled immigrants in the weeks prior to the vote, including several of the GOP contenders in a debate televised on CNN in November.

"Let me start and just say I think that we ought to have an H-1 visa that goes with every graduate degree in math, science and engineering so that people stay here," GOP presidential contender Newt Gingrich told the audience at DAR Constitution Hall.

Mitt Romney echoed a similar position, going so far as to say the U.S. should "staple a green card to the diploma" of those who earn advanced degrees in math and science. "We want those brains in our country," he said.

But even with bipartisan support for the measure, efforts to tackle immigration comprehensively have often prevented specific solutions from moving forward, said West, the Brookings scholar.

He said the question of admitting highly skilled immigrants might seem simple from a policy standpoint because they make up a small percentage of immigrants and their potential to boost the U.S. economy is widely acknowledged.

To solve that problem alone, though, might make it difficult to enact more comprehensive reform for the millions of undocumented immigrants who live here, too, he said.

"If you strip out the most popular part of the immigration reform, it makes it virtually impossible to do the rest," he said. "The immigrants'

rights organizations don't want this to pass unless they can attach the rest of the agenda."

But as the political debate carries on, Chang and his wife, also in the United States on a visa, are preparing to return to Taiwan.

His departure will likely mean the end of his business, and the technology he built could be licensed to another company.

"It's likely it could be closed," Chang said of the business.

David Nagel, his faculty mentor and co-founder, is more unequivocal. "Oh, it would be. Fundamentally, I can't do what he does for two reasons: I've got other responsibilities, and he was the guy who did this."

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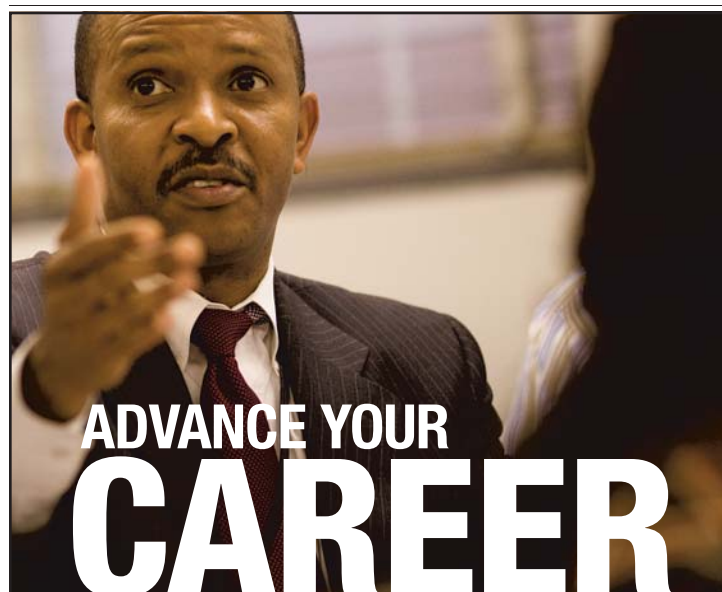
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Holiday Handful

A ceramics artist from Silver Spring creates unique menorahs for the Hanukkah season

Klaudia Levin, 53

JOB: Menorah maker and ceramist

SALARY: \$6,000 annually, for her menorahs and other works.

WHAT SHE DOES: Levin creates about 10 ceramic menorahs each year. She draws inspiration from the forested Israeli countryside and the Old City of Jerusalem, where the ancient buildings made of Jerusalem stone — a pale beige limestone — reflect the sunlight.

She begins each menorah by choosing a clay type and a firing process, which dictate the finish of the final product. Levin is partial to soda and raku firing techniques. In the first, she sprays soda ash mixed with water into the kiln during firing to create a shiny glaze on the surface. Raku is a Japanese form of pottery in which pieces can have a more matte finish.

"The menorahs are special but also a lot of challenge," says the Germany native, who also makes sculptures, vases, teapots and bowls. "You really don't know if it will come out [of the kiln] like you want it to be. It's always kind of a big present or surprise to open up and find out what you created."

She makes the base of the menorah on the potter's wheel and hand-builds the rest, using her fingers to work the clay on a stable surface instead of spinning it on the wheel. Next, Levin puts the menorah in a kiln at Lee Arts Center (Arlingtonarts.org) for 12 hours and then lets it cool for another 24 hours before adding candleholders.

The weeks leading up to Hanukkah are hectic for Levin as she travels to art shows to display her menorahs and contacts galleries about showing her work. She charges \$100 to \$120 per menorah.



Ceramics artist Klaudia Levin specializes in vases, bowls, teapots and menorahs.

WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?

Working with ceramics is rewarding, Levin says. "It's a satisfying feeling. You created something, and it's done and it's all yours," she says. But it takes patience and steady, nimble hands to mold the clay, she adds.

Being a good salesperson is important, too. She handles all of her bookkeeping, her website (Klaudia-ceramic-arts.com) and gallery showings, including at the Scope Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center (Torpedofactory.org) in Alexandria.

Still, the stay-at-home Silver Spring mom relies on her husband's income to support their family of four. "It's nice to have the little bit extra when I do sell some, but I would love to have it more consistent," Levin says.

HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB: Levin took her first pottery class at the New Art Center in Newton, Mass., about 15 years ago. Two years later, she began studying ceramics at the Office for the Arts at Harvard University, where she honed her skills for almost 12 years.

She started with basic classes to learn techniques such as throwing on the wheel, hand building, glazing and firing before moving on to more in-depth subjects such as glaze chemistry. "You have to start first by learning the material," Levin says. "I think it's important to know what you have, what you can do, what happens."

HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:

Ceramics classes are available throughout the region. Try the courses at the Art League (Theartleague.org), Workhouse Arts Center (Workhousearts.org), Hinckley Pottery (Hinckleypottery.com), the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (Chaw.org), the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program (Residentassociates.org) and the Renaissance Art Center (Rcarts.com). County recreation departments also offer pottery training.

For more formal training, the Corcoran College of Art and Design (Corcoran.edu), Maryland Institute College of Art (Mica.edu), Howard University (Coas.howard.edu) and American University (American.edu) offer fine arts degrees involving ceramics. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

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To save the stunt, the show's producers decide that only the bikini-clad female halves of the teams will be submerged in the leech-infested water, and their male counterparts will be tasked with yanking the creatures off their teammates' skin with only their mouths before the pair gorge on leeches.

It's been five years since executive producer Matt Kunitz and his team last worried about ways to freak out reality TV contestants



"Fear Factor" host Joe Rogan likens coming back to the show as waking from a coma.

and the game show in which contestants faced their worst fears returns with stunts more daring and disgusting than ever before with the outcome winning the show's \$50,000 grand prize.

The series' eight new episodes don't tinker with the established format and stunt coordinator Pat Romano said that technological advancements over the past five years have allowed his team to con-

struct bigger stunts that are safe enough for Average Joes and Janes to attempt without being killed.

"Fear Factor" ringmaster Joe Rogan likened coming back to the show to waking up from a coma.

"If it was a good show and it paid good money, but the environment sucked and it wasn't fun, I probably wouldn't have returned, but it's such a fun crew," Rogan said. DERRIK J. LANG (AP)

Best Bets

CBS 8:00

2 Broke Girls As a former uptown girl, Caroline (Beth Behrs, shown) has had it pretty good, but she discovers her last name no longer carries the clout it once did. After Max's oven breaks down, Caroline tries to sell some jewelry to Barneys to raise funds.



FOX 8:00

Terra Nova As Lucas tries to finish assembling his mystery device before the 11th Pilgrimage arrives, Jim and Taylor confront the Sixer mole, and the colony prepares for war. Skye is reunited with someone familiar in the new episode "Within." Shelley Conn a co-stars.

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Enlightened After Levi (Luke Wilson, shown) loses it in the middle of the night, Amy talks him into seeking treatment at Open Air. At work, Amy defies Dougie to present her research findings to Damon's group, landing her in hot water. Undaunted, she turns to Tyler for help at the company in the season finale. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Mary Krawczyk, Jeffrey Ludwig

Mary, 26, is an elementary school teacher. Jeffrey, also 26, works in commercial real estate. They live in Crofton, Md.

THE MAIN EVENT: They wed July 9 at D.C.'s Fairfax Hotel and honeymooned in Bar Harbor, Maine.

HOW THEY MET: In 2003, on move-in day of their freshman year at Catholic University, Jeffrey noticed Mary leaving the front porch of her dorm. "That's the one," he said to his friend, and he proceeded to knock on every door in the building until he found her. They became friends and often



JOHN KEITH/JOHN KEITH PHOTOGRAPHY

ate together with a group at the campus cafeteria.

FIRST DATE: At the end of January 2004, Jeffrey asked her to be his girlfriend. A few days later, they celebrated "official couplehood" with dinner at the Chart House in Annapolis.

HOW HE PROPOSED: On March 27, 2010, Jeffrey asked Mary to join him for a walk in the park behind Sacred Heart Church in Bowie. When they sat down at a shrine on the church grounds, Jeffrey asked her to take off her sunglasses, saying he'd like to see her eyes. Then he pulled a small blue box from his pocket, dropped to one knee and said he had a question for her.

JANET BENNETT KELLY (TWP)



DEB LINDSEY

Patrick Burchette, Maura O'Connor

Maura, 28, works in PR. Patrick, 34, is an energy lawyer. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: An Aug. 20 wedding at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

HOW THEY MET: A surprise party for his 30th birthday at Bourbon in Glover Park. Although she didn't know the guest of honor, a friend's brother persuaded her to go. Once introduced, Maura and Patrick began talking, and she bought him a celebratory shot of Patron.

HOW HE PROPOSED: When Patrick asked Maura's father for permission to marry her, he learned that her parents had gotten engaged on Christmas Eve. He decided to follow that tradition. On the morning of Dec. 24, they went for their usual morning dog walk along the Potomac. But this time, Patrick got down on one knee and popped the question. JANET BENNETT KELLY (TWP)

Anne Burnley, Chris Robinson

Anne, 27, works for a political fundraising firm. Chris, 27, works for IBM. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: They wed Aug. 6 at the Hotel Monaco in Alexandria. The bridesmaids wore hot pink; the groomsmen wore navy blue. White hydrangeas set off the whole thing.

HOW THEY MET: As sophomores at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria. Although they admitted romantic feelings for each other after graduating, attending colleges on different coasts discouraged them from dating. But while both were on break, they joined friends at a bar and danced together all night. "The stars fell into place," Burnley says. After they went back to their respective schools, they spoke every day.

HOW HE PROPOSED: They returned



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home from a party on New Year's Eve and, over a toast, Anne said 2011 was their year to get married. Chris admitted that he already had the ring; Anne confessed she had searched for it, to no avail. So Chris pulled it from a hidden box, got down on one knee and proposed. They didn't make it official until the next day, when Chris called Anne's father to get his permission. JANET BENNETT KELLY

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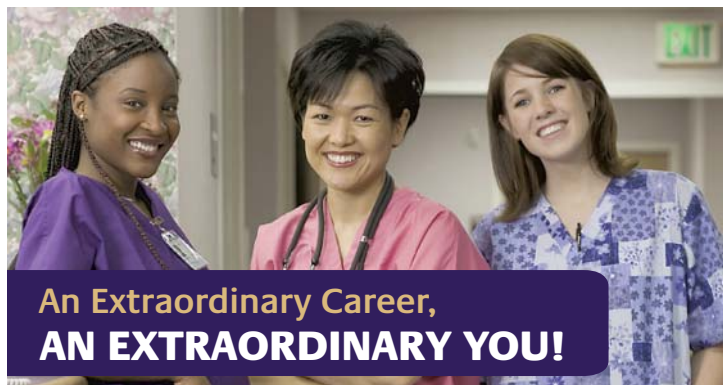
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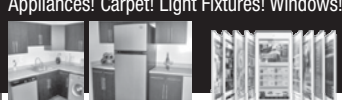
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“I’m pretty sure this is not a spoiler or anything, but it is pretty badass. I can also tell you that shattered mask shows up in the montage of footage at the end of the prologue, too. This is awesome.”

— **FIRSTSHOWING.NET** reacts after seeing the new poster for “The Dark Knight Rises” that features Bane in the background and a broken Batman mask in the foreground, plus the tagline “The Legend Ends.”

▲
“Seriously, Alec was so good at this that it’s almost like he wakes up every morning, puts on a captain hat, gets in front of the bathroom mirror and says ‘Alec Baldwin is an American treasure.’”

— **DLISTED.COM** thought the actor was hilarious in his “Saturday Night Live” cameo, in which he dressed as a character named Captain Steve Rogers and apologized for American Airlines’ throwing Baldwin off a plane last week for playing “Words With Friends” prior to takeoff.

“The project is HBO’s second stab at telling Barry’s story, having first developed a take more than a decade ago with Jamie Foxx in the lead and a script by Chris Rock — one that was probably less than sympathetic, given that approximately 40 percent of all Marion Barry jokes came from Chris Rock.”

— **AVCLUB.COM** is looking forward to the new HBO biopic to be directed by Spike Lee, starring Eddie Murphy as Marion Barry.

▲
“The really interesting part, though, is however horrible his parenting sounds, the film is even-handed enough that you don’t come away hating Marv [Marinovich]. And he seems genuinely mystified his son’s life turned out to be as tumultuous as it was.”

— **WEBLOGS.VARIETY.COM/BLTV** thought the ESPN documentary “The Todd Marinovich Project” was very gutsy. Marinovich flamed out of the NFL as a drug addict after being raised on a strict training regimen since birth by his father Marv — an NFL strength coach — to become an NFL quarterback.

▲
“Michele Bachmann advanced the most adventurous rhetorical strategy, attempting to equate — and therefore neutralize — the two front-runners by referring to them repeatedly as one, spliced-together politician, who she dubbed ‘Newt Romney.’ She must have said [it] a half-dozen times; it was like watching Carrot Top repeat a punchline over and over.”

— **WATCHING-TV.EW.COM** thought Bachmann went to the well one too many times during the GOP debate at Drake University on Saturday.

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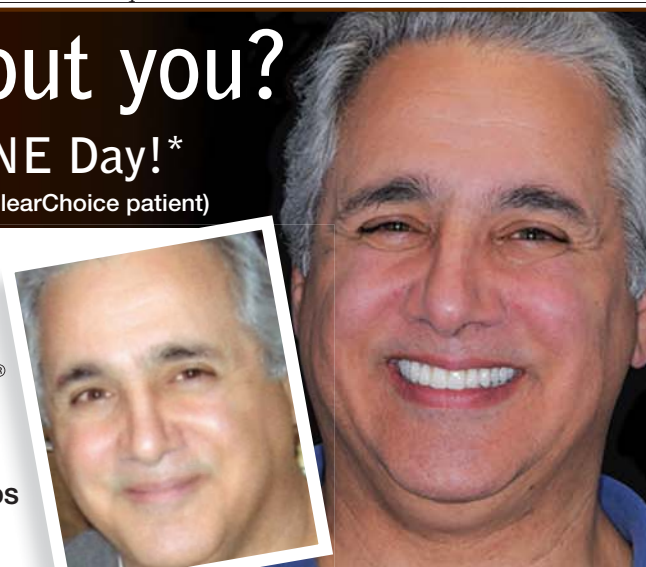
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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Signals come to you from all over, telling you a great many things. Take the time to sort through them with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are those who can truly understand what you are up to, even though you are proud of the fact that you are different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There's something in the wind and you'll have to deal with an increase in rumor and innuendo. The truth will come out, sooner or later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your freedom may be at stake at this time, but take care you are not betting on something that is too much of a long shot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not understand the messages that are sent to you by some, but those you do understand will steer you in the right direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Surprises abound, but you'll want to be sure that you are on solid footing before doing anything yourself that could rock the boat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus your attention on those whose behavior doesn't seem to fit the situation that has developed. It may be the clue you've been looking for.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Is this really the time and the place you've been anticipating? Think twice before doing something you cannot do again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be biting off more than you can chew, but in the end, the mere attempt will teach you a great deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be able to impress others without stepping out of character at all — and someone who trained you will be proud.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) What you're waiting for is likely to arrive before the day is out — and those who know you best will recognize your reaction and be surprised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may feel very much at home even though you are in completely unfamiliar surroundings. It's all about what you're ready for.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 214

I1O1U1F4R1N1F4

E1O1U1V4N1C3R1

I1U1Y4G2N1N1D2

U1U1M3F4R1L1C3

2nd Letter Triple

Double Word Score

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

Friday's Solution

P3	L1	O1	T1	Z10			
P3	A1	R1	A1	P3	E1	T1	
D2	O1	Z10	E1	N1	T1	H4	
M3	O1	S1	E1	Y4	E1	D2	
PAR SCORE 150-160							
RACK 1 =				16			
RACK 2 =				61			
RACK 3 =				110			
RACK 4 =				64			
TOTAL				251			

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Sudoku

EASY

			3		8		
		4		6		3	
8				5			2
7		2	4		5	1	9
	9	3				5	4
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3				9			4
		8		4		6	
			7		3		

Friday's Solution

6	9	3	4	2	8	7	5	1
4	5	1	9	6	7	3	2	8
2	8	7	5	1	3	6	4	9
5	2	9	8	3	6	4	1	7
8	3	6	1	7	4	5	9	2
7	1	4	2	9	5	8	6	3
1	7	5	6	8	9	2	3	4
9	4	8	3	5	2	1	7	6
3	6	2	7	4	1	9	8	5

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YOU ASK ME THAT EVERY TWO WEEKS.

HMM. MAYBE DOGS CAN'T REMEMBER THINGS BEYOND TWO WEEKS!

YOU SAY THAT EVERY TIME, TOO.

AND THEN YOU GO AND TRY TO BORROW MONEY FROM HUDSON.

THAT TATTOO PROBABLY COST MORE THAN I WOULD HAVE BORROWED.

DON'T LOAN HIM MONEY

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

DO YOU EVER MEET A PERSON AND KNOW IMMEDIATELY YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIKE THEM?

OH, SURE.

YEAH...WHAT IS IT ABOUT CERTAIN PEOPLE THAT TELLS YOU THAT?

THEY'RE BREATHING.

MAYBE YOU'RE THE WRONG GUY TO ASK.

AND MOUTHS. THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE MOUTHS.

Forecast



47 33

Today: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.



52 36

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



WED

54



THU

39



FRI

58

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:17 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 6:55 p.m.
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Crossword

LOTS UPSTAIRS

ACROSS

1 Knight in training
5 Jackson 5 hairdos
10 Singer-actor Kristofferson
14 Opera solo
15 Having had too much to drink
16 Cheep accommodations?
17 Good bettors follow it
19 Spanish jar
20 2,000 pounds
21 Well-mannered
22 Perry Mason, e.g.
24 Illustrations and such
26 ____ Fein (Irish political party)
27 Suffix with "social" or "urban"
28 Twists out of shape
32 Billiards stroke for sharks
35 Like a plug, but not a socket
36 Follow, as a suspect
37 Suffix with "sermon" or "cigar"
38 Charlton Heston role
39 Add to the payroll
40 Roger Rabbit, e.g.
41 Currier's partner
42 Made it through crunch time?
43 One reason for italics
45 ____ Leandro, Calif.
46 Contemporary of Raymond and Agatha
47 Anatomical quintet
51 Bogart-Hepburn movie locale
54 Source of misery
55 Sound that broke the silence of the lambs?
56 Like a long shot's chances
57 Think tank product
60 Global extreme
61 ____ nous
62 Grades K-6
63 Clairvoyant
64 Type of surgery

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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60						61					62			
63						64					65			

EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

65 Not one, to Jethro Bodine

DOWN

1 Lasagna or linguine
2 Knightwear
3 "Fee-fi-fo-fum" sayer
4 Hearing aid?
5 Esteem
6 Monk's robe
7 Ancient German character
8 Homophone for "won"
9 Penthouse views
10 Ignoramus
11 Depend (on)
12 Skye or Man
13 It may twinkle
18 CD alternative
23 Formicary inhabitant
25 Smart aleck

26 Cobbler's stock
28 Court events
29 Parade stopper
30 It keeps on rolling
31 Luge
32 Allot
33 Tiny source of energy
34 "Say no more"
35 Dinner companion?
38 Identify incorrectly
42 Borge's countrymen
44 ____ de Triomphe
45 One with a confession
47 Word with "laissez" or "savoir"
48 Fever-causing virus
49 Less plentiful
50 Rat Pack pal of Dean and Frank
51 Snakes in hieroglyphics

52 Ice mass
53 Infuriate
54 Some make it to Cooperstown
58 Genetic material
59 Royal flush component

Friday's Solution

1	A	C	L	U	6	F	I	L	9	9	C	H	A	12	13
14	C	H	A	R	15	L	R	O	N	16	L	A	U	R	A
17	T	A	P	A	18	E	A	R	T	19	H	A	N	G	E
20	S	I	N	21	A	N	E	22	A	R	G	U	E	S	
23	V	E	N	24	S	W	I	L	25	L	I	A	M	S	
					S	A	O	E	A	R	26	A	T	O	M
27	R	O	28	B	R	A	I	N	29	N	I	N	E		
30	Y	O	U	31	E	T	S	32	C	P	O	33	N	U	N
34	R	A	T	S	35	C	B	E	R	S	36	E	S	S	
37	E	R	S	T	38	A	I	L	39	E	S	E			
40	M	I	S	41	S	I	O	42	T	O	M	43	S		
44	S	P	A	R	T	A	45	W	O	E	46	P	L	A	N
47	W	A	R	R	E	N	48	M	O	O	N	49	L	I	A
50	A	C	T	U	P	51	B	U	N	S	52	R	A	S	P
53	G	A	S	P	S	54	A	T	E	E	55	E	Y	E	S

Today in History

2000 George W. Bush becomes the president-elect as the Supreme Court reverses a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.

2010 The roof of the Minneapolis Metrodome collapses after a storm that dumps 17 inches of snow there. (The NFL is forced to shift an already rescheduled game between the Minnesota Vikings and New York Giants to Detroit's Ford Field.)

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(EXPRESS)



UNUSUAL LIVES

Paris Begins a New Chapter In Her Memoir, Due in 2018

Michael Jackson's 13-year-old daughter, Paris, has been cast in her first film, "Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys," People.com reported. Paris plays a girl who survives brainwashing by a jellyfish queen. "She wants to be an actress," says producer Stephen Sobisky. "She wants to take on her dad's legacy and do something good for the world, and our product does that." (EXPRESS)



MARRIAGE

'What Really Matters Is That We're Together Until We Divorce Suddenly'

Khloe Kardashian will move to Texas with husband Lamar Odom, who has been traded from the Los Angeles Lakers to the Dallas Mavericks. "I am sure I will love it but I am a tad thrown off," she tweeted. "I know this is for a reason." She also noted, "I am curious as to how I am the cause for any trade? LOL Some people just say anything behind their computer screens." (EXPRESS)



Paris is ready for her close-up. Or else.



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Lindsay Lohan's \$5,000 Chanel purse was stolen Saturday night in Laie, Hawaii, after she left it in a car, TMZ.com reported. Sources told TMZ that the purse contained her passport, other forms of ID, probation paperwork and cash. Lohan is due back in California on Wednesday for a probation hearing. Lohan also lost her passport in Cannes, in 2010, right before a hearing. (EXPRESS)



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Also Lost: Any Innocence She Had Left

Playboy moved up the release date of its Lindsay Lohan pictorial to this week, after photos were leaked. Among the quotes from Lohan: "It's a very male-dominated world to begin with, so knowing yourself and being comfortable with your body is an important thing for me as a woman." (EXPRESS)

**"I proposed with my head down, hand out and a huge lump in my throat."**

— ROSIE O'DONNELL TELLS USMAGAZINE.COM HOW SHE PROPOSED TO MICHELLE ROUNDS. A JEWELRY EXPERT TOLD THE WEBSITE THAT THE PLATINUM ENGAGEMENT RING COST ABOUT \$100,000.

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